(b) whether those patients were informed in advance about non-availability of those facilities in the hospital ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to compensate the next of kin of those patients and, if so, what is the nature of proposed compensation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Grounding of Westland Helicopters

624. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have using Westland WL-30 helicopters ;

(b) if so, since when ;

(c) what is the number of these helicopters stationed at each place in the country ;

(d) how many of them were grounded as on 30th December, 1989 for want of spares or for other reasons and how many were under active operation ;

(e) what is the period for which each aircraft remained grounded since it landed in India ;

(f) what is the estimated overall total loss incurred by Pawan Hans, Indian Airlines and the ONGC separately as a result thereof ; and

(g) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure uninterrupted supply of spares for proper maintenance of the fleet?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Pawan Hans Limited purchased 21 Westland-30 helicopters for use in the oil and non-oil sectors.

(b) The helicopters arrived in India in phases during the period 25-9-86 to 11-3-88 and the first two helicopters were inducted for operation on 6-10-1986.

(c) Eight helicopters were stationed at Bombay, 5 in Delhi and one each at Vijaywada, Agartala, Nazira, Shillong, Porbandar and Aizwal—in all 19 helicopters. Two helicopters were lost in accident.

(d) The entire fleet of Westland-30 helicopters is grounded since 21-12-1989.

(e) Please see Statement.

(f) The loss incurred by Pawan Hans Limited from 1986-87 to September, 1989 was Rs. 17·99 crores, approximately.

As ONGC is compensated by Pawan Hans Limited by way of liquidated damages, no loss has been incurred by it. The question of loss to Indian Airlines does not arise.

(g) Apart from placing bulk orders to augment the stock level and AOG (Aircraft on Ground) orders to meet urgent requirements, frequent meetings are held by officers of Pawan Hans Limited with the representatives of the manufacturers. In addition efforts have been made at the bilateral level also in this direction.

Statement

Registration Number	Total number of days in India	No. of days the helicopters remained grounded (as on 20-12-89)
VT-EKE	1205	468
VT-EKF	820	373
VT-EKG	820	670
VT-EKH	1185	804
VT-EKI	1125	614
VT-EKJ	1095	332
VT-EKK	1085	448
VT-EKL	970	546
VT-EKM	957	456
VT-EKN	950	438
VT-EKO	414	92
VT-EKP	889	415
VT-EKQ	829	448
VT-EKR	515	201
VT-EKS	767	233
VT-EKT	729	231
VT-EKU	719	384
VT-EKV	681	210
VT-EKW	675	159
VT-EKX	643	185
VT-EKY	639	294
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